



Michigan *Office of the Auditor General* **REPORT SUMMARY**

Financial Audit

*Michigan Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority
(A Blended Component Unit of the State of Michigan)
November 21, 2005 through September 30, 2006*

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271-0285-07

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March 2007

A financial audit determines if the financial statements are fairly presented; considers internal control over financial reporting; and determines compliance with State compliance requirements material to the financial statements. This financial audit of the Michigan Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority was conducted as part of the constitutional responsibility of the Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Statements:

Auditor's Report Issued

We issued an unqualified opinion on the Michigan Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority's financial statements.

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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We did not report any findings related to internal control over financial reporting.

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Noncompliance and Other Matters Material to the Financial Statements

We did not identify any instances of noncompliance or other matters applicable to the financial statements that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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Background:

The Michigan Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority was authorized by the provisions of Act 226, P.A. 2005. The Authority is administered by a board that consists of 7 members. The members are the State Treasurer, the director of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, and 5 members appointed by the Governor with consent from the Legislature.

The Authority's purpose is to issue bonds secured by a pledge of a percentage of the State of Michigan's tobacco settlement receipts, which will be used to finance projects under the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund. On May 17, 2006, the Authority issued \$490,500,589 of taxable tobacco settlement asset-backed bonds. The bonds are special revenue obligations of the Authority secured solely by and payable solely from the tobacco settlement revenue pledged under the bond indenture. The bonds are not an obligation of the State of Michigan and are not backed by the credit, revenues, or taxing power of the State.

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